

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A card connector, comprising:

a body comprising: a base, a shell coupled to the base, the shell having a stopper provided at a first side-face of the body, and a recess configured to receive a card having a plurality of contact terminals exposed on a surface of the card, wherein at least a portion of the base comprises defines a bottom face of the recess;

a plurality of contact springs projecting from the bottom face of the recess, the plurality of contact springs being configured to elastically contact corresponding contact terminals of the card;

a stationary hook provided [[on]] at the first side-face of the body, the stationary hook being configured to retain a first end portion of the card between the stationary hook and the bottom face of the recess;

a movable hook provided [[on]] at a second side-face of the body, the movable hook having a hooking portion which opposes the first side-face of the body, the movable hook being movable configured to move in a direction in which extending generally perpendicular to the first side-face opposes and the second side-face;

a charging member configured to urge the movable hook toward the first side-face of the body so as to retain a second end portion of the card between the hooking portion of the movable hook and the bottom face of the recess, wherein

a face of the hooking portion facing the first side-face of the body comprises a tapered face which extends farther towards the first side-face of the body as the tapered face approaches the bottom face of the recess; and

wherein a predetermined clearance is provided between a side-face of the base and the stopper of the shell.

2. (Currently Amended) The card connector in accordance with claim 1, wherein

the base comprises a synthetic resin and the shell comprises a metallic material, the shell being coupled to an outer face of the base;

the base and the plurality of contact springs being insertion molded so as to be formed integral with each other, and the movable hook is configured to slide in [[a]] the direction extending generally perpendicular to in which the first side-face opposes and the second side-face;

the stopper contacting the first end portion of the card so as to position the card within the recess; and

the stationary hook projecting integrally from the stopper towards the second side-face of the body.

3. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 2, wherein the charging member comprises a plate spring formed integral with the shell.

4. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the movable hook and the charging member are formed integrally with each other
and comprise an elastic metal material, the movable hook being mounted on the body at a
front end of the charging member.

5. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 4, wherein
the body comprises the plurality of contact springs and the stationary hooking
portion formed integrally by insertion molding.

6. (Currently Amended) The card connector in accordance with claim 4, further
comprising a mounting hole configured to attach the movable hook and the charging
member to the body, the mounting hole being provided on the second side-face of the
body; and

the mounting hole comprising a first hole portion into which a base end of the
charging member is press-fitted and a second hole portion which communicates with the
first hole portion, the movable hook and a portion of the charging member being inserted
into the second hole portion so as to be configured to move in the direction ~~in which~~
~~extending generally perpendicular to the first side-face opposes and the second-side face.~~

7. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 1, further
comprising a leading guide, when inserting the card into the recess, provided on an end
portion of an opening of the recess.

8. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 1, wherein the predetermined clearance is configured to allow rotation of the first end portion of the card when inserting the card into the recess.

9. (Currently Amended) The card connector in accordance with claim 5, wherein a mounting hole configured to attach the movable hook and the charging member to the body, the mounting hole being provided on the second side-face of the body; and the mounting hole comprising a first hole portion into which a base end of the charging member is press-fitted and a second hole portion which communicates with the first hole portion, the movable hook and a portion of the charging member being inserted into the second hole portion so as to be configured to move in the direction ~~in which extending generally perpendicular to the first side-face opposes and~~ the second side face.

10. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 1, wherein the predetermined clearance is provided at a rear side of the side-face of the base.

11. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 1, wherein the predetermined clearance defines an opening provided in the base of the body.

12. (Previously Presented) The card connector in accordance with claim 10, wherein the predetermined clearance defines an opening provided in the base of the body.